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The proposed settlement is a joke. You will, in effect, be REWARDING them. They do not currently dominate the school market, your settlement will hand them the market on a silver platter.

I cannot believe that the judge actually said that a harsher penalty will be bad for the economy! Since when is economic concerns be an issue? What court would buy that as a defense? I could just see it now, Well, your honor, I know I committed murder but putting me in jail would be bad for the economy! What a load of crap.

My proposal would be to break Microsoft into at least 2 companies, force them to publish their source code, pay Netscape for every copy of their browser downloaded for free, make them ship a stripped out version of Windows, free of everything but the OS itself, and pay 15,000,000,000 in fines plus court costs.

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